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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: AMCIT CHARLES M. DEAN

1. MRS. DEAN ARRIVED 2 FEBRUARY.

2. ACCCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR, SHE MET WITH FONMIN PHOUMI VONGVICHIT MORNING FEBRUARY 4. PHOUMI WAS MOST APOLOGETIC REGARDING DELAY IN OBTAINING REPLIES TO HIS NUMEROUS QUERIES TO SAM NEUA REGARDING DEAN AND SHARMAN. HE STATED THAT UNFORTUNATELY HE HAD NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO PROVIDE BUT WAS CONFIDENT THAT INVESTIGATOR HAD BEEN SENT TO AREA IN WHICH THE BOYS WERE ALLEGEDLY DETAINED.

3. MRS. DEAN STRESSED THE OBLIGATION OF PROVIDING INFORMATION REGARDING THE WHEREABOUTS OF HER SON AND NOTED CALMLY, BUT FIRMLY, THAT EVEN IF DEAN/ SHARMAN HAD ENTERED THE OTHER ZONE WITHOUT AUTHORITY

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ZATION, THEIR PROLONGED DETENTION WAS MOST UNFORTUNATE AND WORRYING FOR HER AND THE DEAN FAMILY.

4. IN DISCUSSING THE DETAILED LETTERS REGARDING DEAN/SHARMAN, PHOUMLI EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT DEAN/SHARMAN HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO SMUGGLE LETTERS OUT WITH THEIR PHOTOGRAPHS IF THEY IN FACT WERE DETAINED IN THE PATHET LAO ZONE. AMBASSADOR COMMENTED WITH SOME VEHEMENCE THAT IT WAS INCREDIBLE TO BELIEVE THAT EMBASSY WOULD CONFECT THIS INFORMATION AND ALLEGE THAT PHOTOGRAPHS HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE PLACE IN WHICH DEAN/SHARMAN WERE INCARCERATED. PHOUMLI BACKED AWAY FROM THIS SUPPOSITION.

5. THROUGHOUT THIS CONVERSATION, PHOUMLI AFFIRMED HIS DESIRE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AMBASSADOR AND MRS. DEAN STRESSED THAT WHILE RECEIPT OF INFORMATION WOULD BE MOST REASSURING, WE DESIRED THE RETURN OF DEAN/SHARMAN THEMSELVES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6. AMBASSADOR AND MRS. DEAN HAVE APPOINTMENTS WITH THE PRINCES AT LUANG PRABANG AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 4.

7. PLEASE PASS FOREGOING TO HOWARD DEAN.
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